

# PEACE IS INITIAL TASK OF HARDING

## BRYAN BELIEVES

Commoner Finds World Awaiting Word on U. S. Foreign Attitude.

By WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN.

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 26.—President Harding enters the White House with the largest majority received by any Chief Executive in recent years, and with the largest popular vote given to any man in history. This is a great distinction, but he will find awaiting him more difficult problems than any previous President has encountered. It may be worth while to consider a few of the more important ones.

First, the world awaits his word on international relations. Co-operation between nations is the basis of peace, and the moral obligation of the United States is to support him in his plans. He is pledged to an association of nations in which the United States will "do its part" without surrendering its right to decide for itself when and on what terms it will employ force in aid of any moral obligation. The United States will be eliminated from the covenant, but that will not impair the value of the document.

Article X Negligible.

Article X, while it kept our country out of the league of nations and contributed largely to the wrecking of the Democratic party in the recent campaign, never was worthy of the attention given to it. It could not override the constitutional provision giving to Congress the right to declare war, the obligation which it purported to create was powerful as a disturber of the peace, but quite impotent as a protection to other nations. Our allies understood this and were anxious to surrender Article X and admit the United States on any terms that our country would name.

Whether President Harding will insist on dropping the league and substituting an association does not yet appear. It is a practical political question, not likely to sacrifice principle for form. It is quite probable that Great Britain and France will not accept a lead pencil of paper and ask him if he is changing the name it is done very easily, but he is likely to put other nations to any unnecessary trouble or to require any phraseology that will be embarrassing.

The President is committed to but two propositions in connection with international peace. He is for co-operation with other nations and is against any terms that will impair the independence of this nation.

Harding Open Minded.

He has shown himself open minded and anxious to receive information from all sources before proposing any definite plan, and is happily, entirely free to follow his conscience in interpreting his obligation to the country. His nomination to him in such a way as to make him more independent than nominees sometimes are, and his majority so large that no man, no group, no faction can claim to have exercised a controlling influence.

But while he is free to follow his personal convictions he is not free to ignore the known sentiment of the country, and he knows what the sentiment is. A large majority of the members of the Senate, including Senator Harding, voted for the league with reservations, a majority of eighteen on the final vote and twenty more favored the league but opposed the reservations. Only nineteen Senators out of a total of ninety-six opposed the league idea entirely, and that is probably a larger percentage of opposition than exists among the voters as a whole.

An overwhelming majority of the American people demand some form of international co-operation; without it, it is impossible to hope for permanent peace. The enormous increase in expenditures for armaments and the cost of the world. Without disarmament we must expect returning wars, each more expensive and more bloody than the one before, until bankruptcy of the weaker nations makes them subject to the stronger nations.

Europe Is Powerless.

Europe is powerless to save itself. Land hunger, commercial greed and the spirit of revenge are driving the nations of the old world toward war. No one of the group has the moral strength and the unselfish spirit necessary for the solution of the difficulty.

Our nation alone has the influence and the disinterestedness to act as a peacemaker, and we will have more influence when we reserve the right to decide our action for ourselves than we would have if a foreign council could commit us to war and to all our soldiers to battle.

Many of those who favored ratification without reservation, as long as that seemed possible, did so as a dig—not because Article X was deemed wise, but because it seemed better to go into the league at once and eliminate Article X afterward than to risk the evils that might come with delay. Now that the mandate all will join the friends of an association of nations and hasten the carrying out of the voters' decree.

His First Problem.

This is the first problem with which the new President will have to deal, and every citizen who has the welfare of his country at heart will hope that he will act wisely and, by throwing our nation's influence on the side of conciliation, help to lay the foundation for an enduring peace.

The second problem that confronts the new occupant of the White House has to do with taxation. Revenue is the continuing question in government; other questions may come and go, but taxation like Tennyson's brook, "goes on and on forever."

The loudest clamor, as usual, comes from those least deserving, namely, the profiteers; but it is happens that this is the class that has the ear of the public. "Repeat excess profits tax," shouts Wall Street and the shout is taken up by every organization under the influence of the profiteers. The cry was so loud that an echo came back from the Treasury Department and from the candidates of the two leading parties.

But more serious still, how are we going to support the government without enormous revenues? If the excess profits tax is repealed, we must either make up a great deficit by some other form of taxation or

# Chinese to Put Christianity on Trial in America

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—Christianity has been put on trial by a group of Chinese students in the University of Chicago. With the full sanction of the authorities of the institution, the students, in an effort to sound the religious sentiments of the United States, have sent a form letter asking certain questions to 1,000 leading Americans.

The questions asked are:

1. What is your idea of God?

2. Do you believe in God?

3. Why?

The letter is signed by twenty-one students, eleven of whom are attending the University of Chicago. Attached to the letter is an endorsement signed by four professors. King Sin Wang, a student at the university to whom questions are to be returned, said: "We are attempting to learn the ideas of the leading men of this country on Christianity in order that we may form our own opinions."

# GIRLS NEED BEAUS, EXPERT DECLARES

Says Prayer Sessions Fail to Satisfy Craving of Maidens.

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ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Feb. 26.—"Every normal girl wants the society of young men, and she is going to have it," Col. C. Seymour Bullock, of South Bend, Ind., said today in a speech before the National Education Association.

Bullock spoke on the importance of Chamber of Commerce as promoters of community centers, and pointed out that something other than prayer sessions for the moral education of the young is necessary for a certain type of girl and for laboring men with families.

"We can't fool nature by offering the adolescent girl a class in embroidery or a prayer meeting especially for young ladies," he said. "You must not quarrel with her if God saw fit to use such strange ingredients in her making. The current bell will not solve the problem. The city girl is not going to sit at home with her overworked irritable mother in a dimly lighted place shared by several crying children. The country-born girl will find some way, legitimate or otherwise, to gratify her wholly normal desire for company. Society must come to their rescue."

# PLAN AMENDMENT OF VOLSTEAD LAW

Wine Growers Form Organization to Dampen Nation.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—A determined effort to amend the Volstead act will be launched soon after the new Congress convenes, it was announced here today by representatives of the National Wine Growers' Association.

Assurances of support have been received from some Congressional members, it was stated. R. S. Maffitt, New York hotel man, declared the grocers were confident Congress will amend the act to permit the manufacture and regulated sale of light alcoholic beverages.

Maffitt asserted the wine producers were opposed to the saloon and that the amendment they will sponsor provides light wines and beers may be sold only in restaurants and stores and that they shall not be consumed where sold except in connection with meals.

Resolutions adopted by the association declare that the Volstead act in its present form had permitted drunkenness to increase and that it fostered a contempt of all law.

Maffitt indicated that the campaign for amendment will be well financed, and said it already has reached a point where success seems certain.

Efforts will be made in the next week to launch the campaign with a nationally-known man at the head of the movement, it was stated.

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# ORDER IN SENATE BIG TASK FACING LODGE AS LEADER

Massachusetts Solon Will Crack Harsh Whip After March 4.

By ROBERT HARRY.

Bad boys in the new Senate will not get any pie. Pious will go to those of the Republican Senatorial family who show their company manners when important issues or policies are at stake. There is to be none of the dodging and petting which has been a tradition of the Senate since its birth. There is a substantial difference between a majority of two and a margin of twenty-two.

It may not sound so nice, but it is practical politics. Republican Senators are to learn at the outset of the new administration that they must "play ball" or suffer when distribution of Federal patronage begins in earnest. They are to be advised that team work and not the ineffective and oftentimes embarrassing individualism must prevail if the Harding administration is to do the things the Republican party promised the country.

Patronage in Large.

Warren G. Harding will have all Federal patronage which ever fell to a President. It will be greater than that which fell to Woodrow Wilson. There are more and better jobs now than in 1913. Mr. Harding, a companionable person, preferring friendly relations with all, nevertheless has had practical policies drummed into him. He will not bestow favors on Senators who threaten success to his policies when Senatorial co-operation is essential.

Senator Henry Cabot Lodge has endured many attacks on his leadership. He has been criticized by the public for alleged failure to favor the Senate function more efficiently. He has incurred resentment of Senators for yielding too much and for being too autocratic. It is doubtful, however, if any other man in public life today could have held the public majority in line during the league of nations fight, and to have carried his program when he was obliged to work on a margin of two votes. The Senate stood 48 to 47 and Truman Newberry was absent for a considerable time. In the new Senate the Republican leader will have the much more satisfying alignment of 59 to 37.

Determined on Showdown.

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Examples of ineffective leadership under such conditions as now prevail in the Senate have been numerous of late, when various Senators were fighting to slip pet measures through the legislative process. Yesterday the absence of a smooth program was especially noticeable. The army appropriation bill was entitled to priority by all the rules of the legislative process. Senator Wadsworth, chairman of the Military Affairs Committee, although somewhat pessimistic as to final action on the bill before March 4, nevertheless sought to have the Senate consider the measure.

Senator Sterling, of North Dakota, tried to sidetrack the army bill for the House resolution repealing some of the war legislation. An idle argument followed. A little later Senator Penrose, of Pennsylvania, tried to call up the conference report for the Fordney tariff bill. There was a quorum call and a pointless discussion, and then the bill was dropped. The whole proceedings had accomplished nothing but a waste of time. No well-regulated Senate would create such conditions. A program would be outlined in advance and adhered to. It will be the Lodge policy to have such order in the new Senate.

# IRISH HENS CRUX IN SITUATION

Mrs. Charles' Chickens May Be Cause of Housecleaning in Erin.

(Special Cable to The Washington Herald and Chicago Times.)

LONDON, Feb. 26.—A Cabinet crisis so acute as to endanger the life of the British coalition government has been caused by Mrs. Charles' chickens.

Moreover, these chickens may accomplish the housecleaning of Ireland, which the strongest politicians of England have failed to bring about. Mrs. Charles and her husband live on their farm near Trim, Ireland. On February 9 the city blacks and tans raided the farm for game and found none, but they carried off the chickens, some whisky, silver and much other loot.

Gen. Crosier, commandant of the blacks and tans, heard of the looting and expelled the offenders, who then appealed to Gen. Tudor. British officials allege that Gen. Crosier really was responsible for lack of discipline in his command and was about to be relieved and that he took this opportunity to resign and attack his superior officers.

If this is so, he has been very successful for his actions have brought the whole Irish situation into sharp focus and may give Prime Minister Lloyd George the opportunity, for which he is said to have been looking, for discarding those responsible for the dragging of Ireland and instituting a more gentle regime.

The whole matter is to be debated in the House of Commons next Tuesday.

# Italy and United States in Concord On All of Serious World Problems, Claims New Envoy on Arrival Here

The United States and Italy are in agreement on the principal world questions of today, Ambassador Riccioli declared yesterday in an exclusive interview.

Ambassador Riccioli has just presented his credentials to President Wilson, and now officially enters upon his duties here.

The United States and Italy, he said, must approach the question of cancellation of allied debts in a spirit of honesty and with appreciation of the world situation at large.

Favors Reduction.

Italy favors a reduction of armaments among the powers, according to Ambassador Riccioli, but believes that she already has reduced her military establishment to the minimum.

"The relations between the United States and Italy," he continued, "can only become always more cordial, because while they have many interests of an economic nature that combine, they have not on the other hand any possibility whatever of a divergence of the political questions which form at present the subject of the consideration of world diplomacy."

Seeks No More War.

"Italy having neither interest nor intention to go into any war and desiring to be an element of world peace, will always look with favor on the possibility that other nations might diminish their armaments and by so doing add to the world

# U. S. BUSINESS DEAL OPPOSED BY JAPAN

Japanese opposition to the acquisition of a concession in Kamchatka by a syndicate of Americans headed by Washington D. Vanderlip, which already has resulted in conversations between the Japanese and American governments, has delayed a new stage. Japanese commercial interests are now seeking to obtain from the Vladivostok government conflicting rights to those granted to the Americans by Leon Trotsky.

The Vladivostok government has never been wholly Bolshevik and has sought to exercise control over all of Eastern Russia, of which Kamchatka is a part. Reports reaching Washington show plainly that it considers that it has the right to dispose of concessions in the Siberian peninsula and the granting of such rights to Japanese interests undoubtedly would be regarded by Tokyo as entitling the Japanese to dispute the claims of the American financiers to the development of the natural resources of Kamchatka.

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practical sense and with a positive and realistic consideration of the world situation at large.

"To your question concerning the amount which Germany might be in a condition to pay as reparations, I should reply with the motto of the Gonzaga, 'Perhaps yes, perhaps no.'"

"But to be less diplomatic and more sincere, I can reply that I do not possess sufficient elements to give you a precise answer. All the more so that I do not even know to what total sum exactly ought the burden on Germany be brought to figure by putting together its different co-efficients."

Personal Opinion.

"I can only add that in my personal opinion such a question will necessarily be settled with a great

# NATIONWIDE DRIVE FOR MEMBERSHIP IS BEGUN BY A. F. OF L.

Leaders Start Campaign To Get Five Million Men on Rolls.

A nationwide campaign to boost its membership to more than 5,000,000 workers now is being engineered by the American Federation of Labor, whose chiefs were in session here yesterday.

President Samuel Gompers and other leaders believe this to be one way of meeting the challenge of the open shop war now being waged by the United States Steel Corporation and other big interests against labor.

Receive Reports.

Gompers and other leaders who are expected to continue their conferences in the executive council here are receiving reports on recruiting from heads of the international unions.

If the campaign succeeds as well as the leaders now say it is, there will be brought under the banner of organized labor approximately one-half of all the industrial workers. With a victorious membership campaign, leaders of the national labor movement believe they will be in a position to impress on the in-

# American Consuls Find False Passport Plot

American consular officers in Europe have discovered that false passports and counterfeit American visas are being used to enable the entrance of undesirable and dangerous agents into the United States, the State Department announced yesterday.

Operations of passport swindlers are said to be carried on all over Europe. Organized gangs are engaged in the manufacture and sale of false passports.

coming Congress and administration the need of granting their demands, which are being considered at meetings of the executive council. Labor's program of legislation will be laid before the new Congress through members of the House who sit in both Houses of Congress. At least fifteen members of the new Congress are members of unions.

The plans are to lay before Congress a program which will appeal to the self-interest of the average run of people. Pains will be taken to impress on the plain people that labor's demands are their demands.

Living Cost Program.

The demands will include legislation to suppress profiteers and reduce living costs. Labor has been hammering at this since the armistice.

Amendments to the anti-trust laws will be demanded by labor to protect unions from prosecution under the conspiracy clause. Among other demands will be better pay for school teachers, better schools and the creation of a department of education, permanent regulation of immigration, a curb on railroad speculation and financing, government regulation of credit and housing relief.

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